FUN FACTS ABOUT USC SONG GIRLS AUDITIONS

BEING ON THE USC SONG GIRLS TEAM

- The USC Song Girls is the official dance team for the University of Southern California
- The Song Girls together with the USC Trojan Marching Band are the most visible public face of the University; together they serve as ambassadors of spirit and goodwill for the Trojan Family
- The Song Girls support USC athletic events throughout the school year including football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball
- The Song Girls also appear at rallies and university functions
- The Song Girls often appear on television, radio programs, and in commercials
- The Song Girls perform internationally with the USC Trojan Marching Band
- The Song Girls plan and conduct a Junior Song Girl Clinic for kids ages 4-18 every year
- Being a Song Girl allows you the opportunity to bond with teammates, create lifelong friendships and have the experience of a lifetime

AUDITIONS

- Auditions are a multi-step process including an application, preliminary auditions, personal interview, and final auditions
- The judging panel will focus on the following:
  - Dance technique, high kicks with strong, controlled movement
  - Enthusiasm and energy
  - Poise and confidence
  - Showmanship
  - Physical fitness
  - Personality
  - Smile
  - Communication skills
- The preliminary audition consists of the following:
  - Across the floor technique sequence featuring turns, leaps, leg holds, and high kicks
  - Learning and performing a routine to the USC Fight Song
  - Learning and performing a jazz/technique routine
- Finalists are chosen from the preliminary round by the judging panel for the final audition that consists of the following:
  - Personal interview
  - A solo choreographed by the finalist to a song provided after finalists are chosen
  - A performance to the USC Fight Song
- Auditions are closed to the public and it is our policy that finalists do not receive feedback from coaches/judges for confidentiality purposes
- Returning members of the Song Girls team must audition each year, and each returning member is not guaranteed a spot on the new team

PRESENTING YOURSELF AT AUDITIONS

- Two-piece attire: fitted athletic/dance top and fitted spandex shorts, or fitted skirt (any color that suits you);
- We do not encourage performance-wear at auditions (rhinestone costumes, etc.)
- Skin-colored tights/nylons (non-shimmer, no pattern)
- Any type of dance or athletic shoes (jazz shoes, tennis shoes, etc.)
- Game day makeup that compliments your complexion and natural beauty
- Hair should be worn in a natural hairstyle that compliments your features and doesn’t hide your face

BECOMING A USC SONG GIRL

- You must be a current, full-time enrolled student, or Spring 2021 admit
- You must maintain a 2.5 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 units each semester while on the team
- You will be required to sign the Song Girl Agreement and Social Media Policy
- You must be a team player

MAKING THE TEAM

- If you are chosen for the 2021 USC Song Girls Team you will begin practice November 2020
- The practice requirement will be 4 days (12 hours) per week in addition to live appearances
- The new team season will begin with basketball and continue through football 2021, with various other events throughout the year, including required summer events